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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: ENGINEERING STUDIES FOR WATER
DEVELOPMENT

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1. FOLLOWING IS STATUS OF MWJOR PROJECTS IN WATER DEVELOP-
MENT:

LOWER HELMAND VALLEY. WATER AND POWER AUTHORITY (WAPA)
IS PRESENTLY PREPARING TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A MASTER PLAN
STUDY OF LOWER HELMAND VALLEY. AHMAD FARID ISSAK, PRESIDENTO
OF PLANNING, WAPA, TOLD US THAT TERMS OF REFERENCE WILL BE
RELEASED FOR INTERNATIONAL TENDERS IN ABOUT ONE MONTH.
SOURCE OF FINANCING FOR STUDY IS IRAN.

FARAHHRUD VALLEY (SOUTHWEST AFGHANISTAN). A FRENCH
COMPANY, SOGARYAI, HAS BEEN CONTRACTED TO PREPARE A MASTER
PLAN FOR FARAHHRUD BASIN. PREPARATION OF THE MASTER PLAN IS
EXPECTED TO TAKE TWO YEARS AND WILL INCLUDE STUDY OF A POSSIBLE
DAM SITE. SOURCE OF FINANCING OF THE STUDY IS THE KUWAIT FUND
FOR ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT.

HARIRUD VALLEY (HERAT AREA) WAPA WITH ASSISTANCE
FROM AN INDIAN COMPANY IS STUDYING FEASIBILITY OF A DAM
AND RESERVOIR ON THE HARIRUD. THE PROPOSED DAM WILL BE
ABOUT 104 METERS HIGH WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 650
MILLION CUBIC MZTERS OF WATER. WAPA HAS BEGUN PREPARING
TENDER DOCUMZNTS FOR MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT TO CONSTRUCT
THE DAM. ENGINEERING SERVICES WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO
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BE PROVIDED BY WAPA WITH INDIAN ASSISTANCE. SOURCE OF

FUNDS FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY IS SAUDI ARABIA. SOURCE
FOR CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF PROPOSED DAM IS PRESENTLY
UNDETERMPNED, BUT PLANNINGHMINISTRY HAS ADVISED US THWT
USSR WILL ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT OF HARIRUD.

2. RECOMMEND THAT MEP NOTIFY U.S. FIRMS WITH COMPETENCE
IN WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ABOUT UPCOMING LOWER
HELMAND VALLEY MASTER PLAN STUDY. WE WILL FORWARD TENDER
DOCUMENTS WHEN AVAILABLE.

3. REGARDING PARA TWO REFTEL, CONTACT FOR U.S. FIRMS IS:
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